

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

CLAIM OR CLAIMS

We claim:

1. (currently amended) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub with a skimmer intake opening, and used to provide a guard between the pool and the pool skimmer intake opening comprising of:

a rectangular-shaped, semi-rigid member having a rectangular section, which is to be dimensioned like that of the skimmer intake flange, consisting of a two (2) horizontal bars, and two (2) vertical bars, which make up the rectangular-shaped, semi-rigid member; where the vertical bars are connected to the horizontal bars at each end, thus comprising a rectangular frame or flange which will bear against the skimmer intake; and;

a first round-shaped, semi-rigid cross-member running parallel to the upper horizontal bar surface in a first plane and a second round-shaped semi-rigid strip cross-member running parallel to the first cross-member;

wherein each cross-member is spaced an equal distance from each other and the horizontal bars of the rectangular frame, and;

a third round-shaped, semi-rigid cross member running perpendicular to the first semi-rigid strip cross-member and running parallel the vertical bars of the rectangular frame, and a fourth semi-rigid strip cross-member running parallel to the third cross-member; perpendicular to the second cross-member;

where each cross-member is spaced an equal distance from each other and the vertical bars of the rectangular frame, thus creating a grid shape of equal proportions.

2. (currently amended) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, wherein the guard has up to four (4) hooks for attaching guard to the skimmer intake, and;

a first hook member formed along the vertical side bar of the rectangular flange, in a distal end of vertical bar said upper surface section, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

said hook, in combination with the rectangular flange fits securely on the face, inside wall, and inside rear face of the skimmer intake opening, and;

said hook, varies in length to accommodate the dimensions of various skimmer intakes, and;

a second hook member formed an equal distance from the first hook on the same vertical bar side of the rectangular flange, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

a third hook member formed on the opposite side, on the second vertical bar surface of the rectangular flange, in a distal end of vertical bar ~~said upper surface section~~, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

a fourth hook member formed an equal distance from the third hook on the same vertical bar side of the rectangular flange, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

3. (currently amended) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the hook members of ~~claim 2~~ are molded resilient and structured to grip said skimmer opening for mounting said guard thereon,

wherein on the back of each hook, a small detent or bump is contained, which allows the guard hooks to be gripped by a finger, and released, so that the guard can be removed.

4. (original) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, where the pattern of the cross-members may be equal distance, diagonal or rectangular in design.